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In re the Application of:

DEL SOLDATO et al.

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Application No.: 09/147,770

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For: NITRIC ESTER DERIVATIVES AND THEIR USE IN URINARY INCONTINENCE  
AND OTHER DISEASES

**PRELIMINARY REMARKS**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 21, 2003

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2 and 5-20 are pending. Claims 3 and 4 are understood to have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 6-8 and 11-20 have also been withdrawn from consideration. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request consideration of all claims in view of the below remarks.

Applicants would like to point out that the specification makes clear that in preferred embodiments, the present invention is concerned with methods of treatment, for example methods of treating urinary incontinence, that take advantage of certain compounds having a pharmacological profile that is superior to that of known preparations used in the treatment of such pathologies. See page 1, lines 4-6 of the specification. The superior pharmacological of the claimed compounds means that

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